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Equity in Action Conference

Equity: The Cornerstone of a Quality Education for all

June 10 & 11, 2011 at the University of Utah

Student Union/Milton Bennion Hall/Orson Spencer Hall



Definition of Educational Equity

Education Equity: the educational policies, practices and program necessary to (a) eliminate educational barriers based on gender, race/ethnicity, national origin, color, disability, age or other protected groups status; and (b) provide equal educational opportunities to ensure that historically underserved or underrepresented populations meet the same rigorous standards for academic performance expected of all children and youth.

Possible Conference Focus Topics

- **Systemic Equity** – Achievement directly impacted by teacher quality and instructional programs to which children have access.
- **Programmatic Equity** – Four significant signs of inequity: Any students with disabilities, Gifted and Talented education, Language acquisition education and Student discipline.
- **Achievement Equity** – Four key indicators: State achievement test results, Dropout rates, High School graduation tracks and ACT/AP/IB results.
- **Equity-Oriented Change Agent** – What are the required skills and assumptions for a successful change agent to work with others?
- **Increasing Equity Consciousness Among Teachers** – Levels of strategies for instructional leaders and teachers to increase their level of equity consciousness. I.e. using an asset model to respond to students varying cultures.
- **Demonstrating Respect and Care in All Interactions with all Students and Students Families.**
- **Avoiding Equity Traps and Developing Equity Skills** – Seeing only deficits, Developing an asset view of students' capabilities, Seeing and Respecting race and culture.

Steering Committee Partners: Utah State Office of Education, University of Utah, Utah Charter Schools, Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee, State Office of Ethnic Affairs, Canyons School District, Davis School District, Granite School District, Ogden School District, Salt Lake City School District, Tooele School District, and the Inclusion Center.



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